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Dockets Management Branch (HFA-305)  
Food and Drug Administration  
5630 Fishers Lane, Room 1061  
Rockville, MD 20852

Re: Docket Number 98N-1230  
Docket Number 96P-0418  
Docket Number 97P-0197

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to ask that the Food and Drug Administration ban the forced molting of hens.

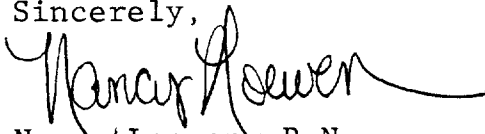
Forced molting is a cruel practice, and is so stressful that it destroys the hens' immune system, predisposing them and their eggs to salmonella poison. Many illnesses and deaths have been caused by contaminated eggs, making this practice one that should be made illegal.

It is my understanding that the Food and Drug Administration has jurisdiction to ban farm practices such as forced molting which injure human health. The cruelty of intentionally starving hens for up to 14 days linked with the potential for contamination leading to human illness and death is a powerful motivation for ending this terrible practice.

I also understand that the FDA was petitioned in April 1998 to ban forced molting. This petition should be granted without further delay.

Thank you for your consideration of my views. I look forward to hearing what action your agency will take on this very serious matter.

Sincerely,

  
Nancy Loewen, R.N.

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--- FDA- must do more than put Bacteria warning labels on egg cartons and regulate egg refrigeration temperatures.

---- FDA- should prohibit the practice of forced molting has been scientifically shown to promote disease by destroying the starving hen's immune systems.

---- FDA- has jurisdiction to ban farm practices, such as forced molting, that injure human health.

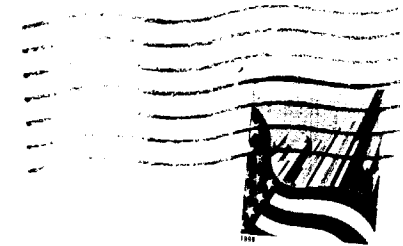
---- FDA must ban the forced molting of laying hens because forced molting is a primary cause of infectious diseases in hens, eggs, and consumers of eggs. THE CRUELTY & CONTAMINATION ARE LINKED !

---- FDA was petitioned in April 1998 to ban forced molting. This petition should be granted without without further delay.



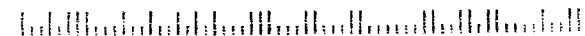
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